

Ellis Island

Self-Guided Activity (All Ages)

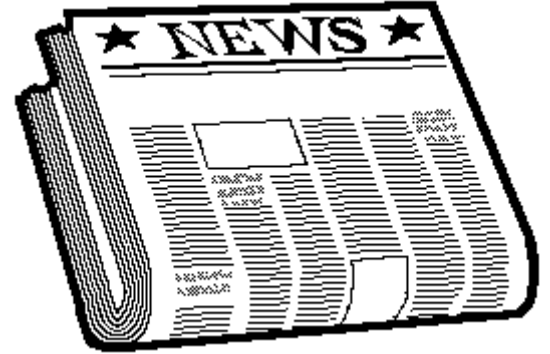
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Ellis Island: Extra, Extra!

Directions: Pretend that you are in the year 1905. A newspaper wants to interview you about being a new immigrant who has just arrived to the United States from Russia. Head to *Peak Immigration Years* (2nd Floor) to help you answer some of the reporter's questions!



What do you hope to be in America? Why? (Head to the “Starting a New Life” exhibit to help answer the question)

What (or who) do you think you will miss most from your old country?

As an immigrant from Russia, why have you decided to live with other Russian immigrants? What benefits might you find in a Russian neighborhood as opposed to living in other areas?

Bonus: Help our readers out! Define the words “steerage class” and “immigrant.”
Not sure? Ask a Park Ranger for assistance.